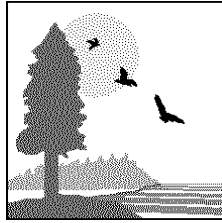


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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF  
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT  
AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

CSLC EIR No.: 732

Project: EIR for PRC 421 Recommissioning Project

CSLC Ref Files: PRC-421.1; W30159.3

SCH #: 2005061013

**Date:** June 3, 2005

**To:** Interested Parties

**Project:** Recommissioning of Oil Production on Oil and Gas Lease PRC 421

**Applicant:** Venoco, Inc.  
5464 Carpinteria Avenue, Suite J  
Carpinteria, California 93013

**Location:** The existing facilities at Lease PRC 421 include two piers on State tide and submerged lands below the bluffs marking the southern limit of the Sand Piper Golf Course in the city of Goleta, California.

**Project Description:**

The PRC 421 wells have occupied the current location since 1928, producing oil and gas until 1993 when the wells were shut-in. The PRC 421 wells occupy State tide and submerged lands under the jurisdiction of the California State Lands Commission (CSLC). Venoco is a privately held, independent oil and gas company that has filed an application with the CSLC to return oil and gas lease PRC 421 to oil production. Based on current projections, the estimated productive life of PRC 421 would be twelve years and production is expected to be no more than an average of 700 barrels of oil per day (BOPD) in the first year, tapering off to approximately 100 BOPD by year 12.

## **Purpose of Public Scoping Process:**

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) will be the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project.

The purpose of this Notice of Preparation / Notice of Public Scoping Meeting is to obtain agency and the public's views as to the scope and content of the environmental information and analysis, including the significant environmental issues and reasonable alternatives and mitigation measures, that should be included in the draft EIR. Applicable agencies will need to use the EIR when considering related permits or other approvals for the Project.

The Project description, location, and potential environmental effects are discussed in the attached Scoping Document. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be sent by **July 5, 2005**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to:

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**NOTE:** You are encouraged to submit electronic copies of your comments in Microsoft WORD format. If comments are faxed or sent by e-mail, please also mail a copy to ensure that a clean copy is received by this office.

Pursuant to Section 15083, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, the CSLC will also conduct two public scoping meetings for the proposed Project to receive oral testimony at the time and place listed below:

**DATE:** June 23, 2005.  
**TIME:** 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Goleta Community Center, Room 6  
5679 Hollister Avenue  
Goleta, California

If you have any questions or would like a copy of this notice, please contact Eric Gillies at the above address, by phone (916) 574-1897, or e-mail at [gilliee@slc.ca.gov](mailto:gilliee@slc.ca.gov). Copies of this Notice will also be available at the public scoping meeting and on the CSLC web page: [www.slc.ca.gov](http://www.slc.ca.gov) (under the "Public Notices" link).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: 6-2-2005